

# Education plan

for

**Master of Laws (LL.M.) (60 credits) in International Commercial Arbitration**

**Magisterprogram (60 högskolepoäng) i internationell kommersiell skiljedomsrätt**

**60.0 Higher Education Credits**

**60.0 ECTS credits**

**Programme code:**

JICLM

**Valid from:**

Autumn 2015

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2015-02-05

**Department:**

Department of Law

## Decision

Approved on 16 February 2015.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Eligible candidates for admission to the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Commercial Arbitration shall have:

- obtained a Swedish undergraduate degree in law with at least 180 credits, or a foreign degree in law with equivalent knowledge and at least three years of full-time studies, including at least one course in procedural law or the equivalent of at least 7,5 credits,

- proof of skills in English at a level corresponding to English B/English 6 in the Swedish secondary school.

Students who have not studied English B/English 6 must submit results from either a TOEFL test: Internet (Score of 20 (scale 0-30) in written test and a total score of 90) or Paper-based (Score of 4.5 (scale 1-6) in written test and a total score of 575) or IELTS Academic with an overall mark of 6.5 and no section below 5.5.

## Programme structure

The programme consists of one year full-time studies (60 ECTS credits).

The Master of Laws (LL.M) in International Commercial Arbitration is an advanced level programme. In addition to advanced level knowledge in international commercial arbitration law, the education provides students with a theoretical and methodological foundation for further independent research, development and other qualified work within this area of law. The programme will help students to develop the ability to solve advanced, complex legal issues in international commercial arbitration law and the ability to assess the social and ethical implications of these solutions.

The programme consists of three courses: an introductory and comprehensive course (30 credits), an advanced course in international arbitration law (15 credits) and a master-thesis course (15 credits). The first course builds on the general legal knowledge students gained in their law degree. It does this by developing the students' knowledge of methodology and progressively deepening the students' knowledge of international commercial arbitration law. The other two courses run concurrently during the spring term.

During the advanced course students deepen their understanding of theory and methodology in international arbitration law, as well further develop the ability to conduct and to critically evaluate research in this field of law. Additionally, students study into complex theoretical issues and problems with a focus on legal developments and the controversial topics in international arbitration. During the master thesis course, the students prepare, plan and implement the written thesis. Additionally, the students will actively participate in an on-going thesis seminar series, which supplements their independent thesis work. The seminar series

addresses significant aspects of preparing and completing a major thesis. The courses content, scope, teaching and examination methods are described in the respective courses' syllabus.

### **Goals**

For the Master degree, the following qualification goals apply, as established in the Higher Education Ordinance (SFS, 1993:100), Appendix 2, System of Qualifications.

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

For the Master degree the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of international commercial arbitration law, including both overall knowledge of the area as well as deeper understanding of certain parts of the field, as well as knowledge of current research and development work, and
- demonstrate detailed knowledge of international commercial arbitration law methodology.

#### **Proficiency and abilities**

For the Master degree the student shall

- display the ability to integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and manage complex events, questions and situations even with limited information;
- display the ability to independently identify and formulate questions as well as plan and use appropriate methods to carry out detailed assignments within specified time frames;
- display the ability to clearly in oral and written format report and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments that form the basis for their conclusions, in dialogue with different groups; and
- display the necessary skills to participate in research and development, or to work independently in other specialised activities.

#### **Assessment ability and approach**

For the Master degree the student shall

- display the ability, within the area of international commercial arbitration law, to make assessments taking into consideration relevant scholarly, social and ethical issues, as well as display awareness of ethical issues in research and development work;
- demonstrate understanding of the opportunities and limits of knowledge, its role in society, and individuals' responsibility for how it is used;
- display the ability to identify their need for additional knowledge and to take responsibility for additional scholarly development.

#### **Independent Project (Master Thesis project)**

Within the framework of the course expectations, the student shall complete an independent project (master thesis), worth 15 ECTS in international commercial arbitration law.

### **Courses**

The Master programme consists of the following courses:

- International commercial arbitration law (30 credits)
- Advanced course in international arbitration (15 credits)
- Master thesis in international commercial arbitration law (15 credits)

The language of instruction is English.

### **Degree**

Students that have completed the programme with passing grades obtain a Master of Laws (LL.M.) (60 credits) in international commercial Law.

### **Misc**

Courses that are part of the degree that make the student eligible for this programme may not be counted for the Master degree.